

**Cincinnati Board of Health
Board of Health Meeting
May 27, 2014**

Dr. Graham, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Health, called the May 27, 2014 meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Health to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Dr. Kelly Firesheets, Dr. Camille Graham, Dr. Donna Shambley-Ebron, Mr. Daniel Molina, Mr. Ernest McAdams, Dr. Mark Dato, Dr. Denise Davis

Board members absent: Mr. Herschel Chalk, Dr. Richard Schwen

Senior Staff present: Dr. Steven Englender, Mr. Bob Schlanz, Dr. Marilyn Crumpton, Dr. Noble Maseru, Dr. Lawrence Holditch, Ms. Tate, Ms. Patricia Carlyn, Dr. Camille Jones and Mr. Rocky Merz

RECOGNITION: NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK COMMITTEE

Dr. Maseru acknowledged the National Public Health Week (NPHW) committee for their work during NPHW, which occurs annually the first week of April. The NPHW event was held on April 12 at Fountain Square. Geneva Goode, Hollin Funk, Tamieka Grey, Armika Tatum, Millie Olds, Rocky Merz, Mary Fairbanks, Ashley Auciello and the many volunteers were all recognized for their efforts.

APRIL 22, 2014 MINUTES (ATTACHMENT NO. 1)

Dr. Graham proposed the motion and Dr. Dato seconded the motion to approve the April 22, 2014 minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Schlanz – The city budget proposal was provided with a breakdown of city departments. The largest components in budget reduction of fringe benefits were health care costs and the retirement plan. City Council was currently reviewing the budget to make any changes.

The Health Department's Environmental Health Services division had lost six positions which had not been filled. This would impact customer service and response times to issues such as food licensure, environmental complaints, pool inspections and mosquito

surveillance. The staff shortage would also impact other programs within the Environmental Health division.

The Health Department's Home Health program was at risk for losing 36% of staff, a reduction in services from 250 visits per month to 134 visits per month. This would adversely affect several programs within the Home Health division. Doris Nelson-Frierson spoke of her 23 years as a nurse for the Health Department and the support needed for services to mothers receiving care.

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

Angela Hartman — Contract

Up to \$50,000 6/2/2014 thru 12/31/2014 Dr. Marilyn Crumpton

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the agreement between the Cincinnati Health Department and Angie Hartman as consultant for the School and Adolescent Health division for a total of up to but not in excess of \$50,000 effective June 2, 2014 to on or before December 31, 2014.”

Second: Mr. McAdams

Vote/Action: passed and approved

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Contract Amendment - Children's Home of Cincinnati
Zero Dollars 9/1/2013 – 8/31/2015 - Dr. Marilyn Crumpton

B. Contract Amendment – Nutrition Council (Attachment B)
Zero Dollars 11/1/2013 – 8/31/2015 - Dr. Marilyn Crumpton

C. Contract Amendment – Nutrition Council
Zero Dollars 9/1/2013 – 8/31/2015 - Dr. Elizabeth Kelly

D. Contract Amendment - Health Care Access Now
Zero Dollars 9/1/2013-2/28/2015 - Dr. Jennifer Mooney

E. Contract – Dale Grigsby
\$10,286.90 6/1/2014-5/31/2015 – Dr. Camille Jones

**HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS /
BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Holditch – There was a site visit at the Elm Street Health Center showing areas of improvement and areas that still needed improvement. Credentialing had been expanded to fulfill FQHC status requirements. A physician position became vacant which had not yet been filled.

CHD received a grant to expand the intervention for drug/alcohol screenings, the goal being to provide mental health services at every health center.

Dr. Englander – The exercise held in April was complex and involved three states; southwest Ohio jurisdictions, Southeast Indiana and Northern Kentucky. Overall, scores on various objectives were satisfactory or higher.

Influenza had declined. Measles cases had increased to 155 cases in Ohio, the highest in the last century. This raised the importance of vaccinations for highly infectious diseases such as this one.

Dr. Maseru thanked the communicable disease team for their work.

Dr. Alam – Environmental Health staff worked at the Taste of Cincinnati, where the number of attendees exceeded 5,000. There were no food-borne illnesses reported.

Ms. Carlyn - Nurses Week was celebrated at the beginning of May. The Perinatal Bundle was rolled out at all five health centers, with the smoking cessation piece to be added to all.

Dr. Crumpton - Funds were leveraged to participate in the Ohio Academy of Pediatrics health center development program called 'Building Mental Wellness'. Mental health screening tools would be incorporated in the school-based health centers, providing reports on the number of referrals. This additional intervention would identify at-risk students with symptoms that may not have been recognized. EPIC had been added at five of the SBHC sites.

An open house would take place at the Western Hills Dater Deaconess HealthCheck in September. Due in part to the epidemic of dental decay among young students, this year there were 2,804 dental referrals. There were 2,700 vision referrals.

Mr. Merz – Drs. Holditch, Jones and Englender were thanked for their assistance with media inquiries related to recent disease outbreaks. The communications office welcomed their newest intern, Laura Gonzalez, an OSU student seeking field experience in public health.

Dr. Maseru - A handout was provided as an overview of the First Steps Program which included UH-CHD delivery reports, CHD obstetric services and an SUID summary. The IMR for 2014 was projected to be 6.7.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Graham adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Ashley Auciello, Clerk to the Board
Cincinnati Board of Health

Minutes Approved by:

Dr. Richard Schwen
Chairperson, Board of Health

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